Proclamations.
1699, 14 Dec.

Levett Mayor.

Jovis decimo quarto die *Decembris*, 1699. Annoque Regni Regis WILLIELMI Tertij, *Angliæ*, &c. Undecimo.

WHEREAS notwithſtanding ſeveral good and wholſom ORDERS of this COURT heretofore made for the Prevention of Foreſtalling, Regrating and other Abuſes in the Fiſh-market of *Billingſgate*, divers Frauds and Exactions are yet there daily practiſed, which is much occaſioned by the Remiſneſs of Officers in putting the ſaid Orders in Execution. Now for the better Remedying and Preventing ſuch Evil Practices for the time to come, it is Ordered by this Court, that the Hours heretofore limited for the Opening and Beginning of the Fiſh-market at *Billingſgate*, ſhall hereafter be ſtrictly obſerved (That is to ſay) from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*, to begin at Four of the Clock in the Morning; and from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day* at Six of the Clock in the Morning; and that the ſaid Markets for the future ſhall from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas* end at Eight of the Clock in the Evening; and from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day* at Six of the Clock in the Evening; And that the ſaid reſpective Times for Beginning and Ending the ſaid Market may be the better known and obſerved, It is Ordered that the Market-Bell there ſhall be conſtantly rung by the Yeomen of the Water-ſide, at the reſpective Hours aforeſaid; And it is alſo Ordered, That if any Perſon ſhall before the ſaid reſpective Hours of Four and Six in the Morning preſume to Buy, Sell or Expoſe to Sale in the ſaid Market any Sort of Fiſh (except Herrings, Sprats, Mackerel and Shell-Fiſh) every ſuch Offender ſhall be proceeded againſt, as a Foreſtaller of the Market, as by the Laws now in force againſt Foreſtalling and Regrating is directed and appointed.

And the Yeomen of the Water-ſide are hereby ſtrictly enjoyned every Morning and Evening to ring the ſaid Bell preciſely at the Hours aforeſaid; and that the ſaid Yeoman and Under-Waterbailiff do carry all Perſons that ſhall Buy or Sell, or Expoſe to Sale Fiſh there, contrary to this preſent ORDER, before the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor for the time being, or ſome other of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for this City, to be bound over, and proſecuted accordi ng to Law.

And that the Miſchiefs and evil Practices intended to be remedied by a late Act of Parliament, Intituled, *An Act for making* Billingſgate *a Free-Market for Sale of Fiſh*, may be effectually prevented. It is further Ordered, That if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall imploy or be imployed by any other Perſon or Perſons to contract or buy in or at the ſaid Market any Quantity of Fiſh, to the intent to be divided by Lots, or in Shares amongſt any Fiſhmongers or other Perſons, in order to be put to Sale by Retail, or otherwiſe; or if any ſhall Ingroſs or Buy in or out of the ſaid Market, any Quantity of Fiſh other than what ſhall be for his own private Uſe, or for Sale in his or her own Shop or Shops, that then the Yeomen of the Water-ſide and Under-Water-Bayliff, or one of them ſhall give Information thereof, and proſecute every ſuch Offender or Offenders, according to the Directions of the ſaid Act; And if any of the ſaid Officers ſhall be remiſs or negligent in putting this ORDER in due Execution, he or they ſhall be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Severity.

And that no Perſon ſhall or may pretend Ignorance hereof, it is Ordered, that this ORDER be forthwith Printed, Publiſhed and ſet up in the moſt Publick Places at *Billingſgate* aforeſaid, and be ſo continued from time to time by the Officers of this City attending the ſaid Market.

Goodfellow.

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